

11 July 1980

MEMORANDUM FOR: General Counsel

25X1A ATTENTION : [REDACTED]
25X1A FROM : [REDACTED]
Chief, Classification Review Division, ISS/DDA
SUBJECT : Declassification of History of Air America

1. Attached is a declassified copy of the Agency's official history of Air America. It only covers the period 1946 to 1971. Air America was phased out by the Agency in 1976. The portions recommended for deletion are bracketed in red ink. Review worksheets explaining the reasons for the deletions are attached to the appropriate pages. (U)

2. We would also like to bring to your attention that in addition to the detailed explanations on the worksheets, which stand on their own, certain general classification principles were followed. In keeping with the Direc-

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Hopefully these rather vague terms will satisfy DO's security concerns while simultaneously providing a readable history. (C)

3. Identification of Agency components below the directorate level was avoided in line with Agency classification guides. We substituted language that concealed the exact title of a division or branch, but indicated--in a general way--the function of the component. For instance, FE Division was changed to "area operations unit." For the [REDACTED] we used "functional covert division" and thereafter referred to it as the FCD for convenience. (C)

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4. In addition to the declassification of the Air America history, we

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